

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1611

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION making application to the Congress  
2 of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of proposing  
3 amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose limits  
4 on the federal government.

5 WHEREAS, The founders of our Constitution empowered state  
6 legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the  
7 federal government; and

8 WHEREAS, The federal government has created a crushing national  
9 debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

10 WHEREAS, The federal government has invaded the legitimate roles  
11 of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most  
12 of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

13 WHEREAS, The federal government has ceased to live under a proper  
14 interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, It is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of  
16 our people □ particularly for the generations to come □ by proposing  
17 amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention  
18 of the states under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and  
19 related abuses of power: Now, therefore,

20 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Kansas, two-thirds of*  
21 *the members elected (or appointed) to the Senate and two-thirds of the*  
22 *members elected (or appointed) to the House of Representatives*  
23 *concurring therein:* The legislature of the state of Kansas hereby applies  
24 to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the  
25 United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government,  
26 limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government and limit the  
27 terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress; and

28 *Be it further resolved:* This application constitutes a continuing  
29 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United  
30 States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have  
31 made application on the same subject; and

32 Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an  
33 enrolled copy of this resolution to the President and the Secretary of the  
34 United States Senate and the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States

- 1 House of Representatives, to the members of the United States Senate
- 2 and the United States House of Representatives from this state and to the
- 3 presiding officers of each of the legislative chambers in the several states.